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SUBJECT: WORLD COUNCIL OF YMCA

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT FINDS IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY WORLD COUNCIL OF YMCA HOLDING CONFERENCE IN KAMPALA, IT BELIEVES ANY ATTEMPT ON OUR PART TO PERSUADE ORGANIZERS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL (NOT AMERICAN) CONFERENCE TO CHANGE VENUE AT THIS LATE DATE WHEN PLANS SO FAR ADVANCED WOULD RISK REACTION FROM AMIN WITH UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES. MORE-OVER, WITH CONFERENCE DUE TO CONVENE JULY 17 AND MANY DELEGATES ALREADY ON THE WAY, IT IS TOO LATE TO EXPECT ORGANIZERS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SUBSTITUTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING ELSEWHERE ON THAT DATE.

2. IN VIEW OF STRAIN IN OUR RELATIONS WITH AMIN, HIS APPARENT DISPOSITION THESE DAYS TO REGARD AMERICANS WITH SPECIAL SUSPICION, HIS IRRATIONALITY, AND LAST WEEKEND'S EXPERIENCE WITH PCVS, DEPARTMENT FELT OBLIGED TO COUNSEL AMERICANS PLANNING ATTEND AGAINST TRAVELING TO UGANDA AND
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TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNTTY TO RECONSIDER IN LIGHT OF UNCER-

TAINTIES OF SITUATION. AT SAME TIME DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT AMIN HAS GIVEN HIS APPROVAL FOR THIS CONFERENCE AND MAY VERY WELL MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO IMPRESS CONFEREES FROM MANY NATIONS (INCLUDING AMERICA) WITH UGANDAN HOSPITALITY AND REGARD FOR THEIR SAFETY AND WELL BEING.

3. DEPARTMENT DID NOT "FORBID" TRAVEL TO UGANDA BY AMERICAN CONFEREES AND HAS IMPRESSION MANY AMERICANS PLAN ATTEND DESPITE ITS ADVICE. ROGERS

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